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COMMITTEE REPORT

YES:	8
NO:	0

MR. SPEAKER:

*Your Committee on Human Affairs, to which was referred Senate Bill 344, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill **be amended** as follows:*

- 1 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:
- 2 SECTION 1. IC 2-5-27 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
- 3 A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
- 4 1, 2002]:
- 5 **Chapter 27. Executive Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs**
- 6 **Sec. 1. The executive commission on Hispanic/Latino affairs is**
- 7 **established.**
- 8 **Sec. 2. (a) The commission shall do the following:**
- 9 **(1) Identify and research issues affecting the Hispanic/Latino**
- 10 **communities.**
- 11 **(2) Promote cooperation and understanding between the**
- 12 **Hispanic/Latino communities and other communities**
- 13 **throughout Indiana.**
- 14 **(3) Report to the legislative council and the governor**

concerning Hispanic/Latino issues, including the following:

(A) Conditions causing exclusion of Hispanics/Latinos from the larger Indiana community.

(B) Measures to stimulate job skill training and related workforce development.

(C) Measures to sustain cultural diversity while improving race and ethnic relations.

(D) Public awareness of issues affecting the Hispanic/Latino communities.

(E) Measures that could facilitate easier access to state and local government services by Hispanics/Latinos.

(F) Challenges and opportunities arising out of the growing Hispanic/Latino population.

(b) The commission may study other topics as assigned by the legislative council or the governor.

(c) The commission may make legislative recommendations to the general assembly.

Sec. 3. (a) The commission consists of thirteen (13) members appointed as follows:

(1) Two (2) members of the senate, not more than one (1) of whom may be affiliated with the same political party, to be appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate.

(2) Two (2) members of the house of representatives, not more than two (2) of whom may be affiliated with the same political party, to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

(3) Two (2) members of the Hispanic/Latino community who are not members of the general assembly, to be appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate.

(4) Two (2) members of the Hispanic/Latino community who are not members of the general assembly, to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

(5) Five (5) members of the Hispanic/Latino community, to be appointed by the governor.

In making their appointments under this section, the president pro tempore of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the governor shall attempt to have the greatest number of counties represented on the commission.

1 (b) The governor shall appoint a member of the commission to
2 serve as chairperson.

3 (c) If a legislative member of the commission ceases being a
4 member of the chamber from which the member was appointed,
5 the member also ceases to be a member of the commission.

6 (d) A member of the commission may be removed at any time
7 by the appointing authority who appointed the member.

8 (e) If a vacancy exists on the commission, the appointing
9 authority who appointed the former member whose position has
10 become vacant shall appoint an individual to fill the vacancy.

11 (f) Each member of the commission who is a member of the
12 general assembly is a nonvoting member.

13 (g) The affirmative votes of a majority of the voting members
14 appointed to the commission are required for the commission to
15 take action on any measure, including final reports.

16 Sec. 4. (a) The department of workforce development shall
17 provide staff support to the commission.

18 (b) The expenses of the commission shall be paid from
19 appropriations made to the department of workforce development.

20 Sec. 5. (a) Each member of the commission who is not a state
21 employee is entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided by
22 IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). The member is also entitled to reimbursement
23 for traveling expenses as provided under IC 4-13-1-4 and other
24 expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties
25 as provided in the state policies and procedures established by the
26 Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget
27 agency.

28 (b) Each member of the commission who is a state employee but
29 who is not a member of the general assembly is entitled to
30 reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under
31 IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in connection
32 with the member's duties as provided in the state policies and
33 procedures established by the Indiana department of
34 administration and approved by the budget agency.

35 (c) Each member of the commission who is a member of the
36 general assembly is entitled to receive the same per diem, mileage,
37 and travel allowances paid to legislative members of interim study
38 committees established by the legislative council. Per diem,

1 **mileage, and travel allowances paid under this subsection shall be**
2 **paid from appropriations made to the legislative council or the**
3 **legislative services agency.**

(Reference is to SB 344 as printed January 16, 2002.)

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

Representative Summers